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Detailed Description Text - DETX (4):

In general, OOP components are reusable **software** modules which present an

interface that conforms to an object model and which are accessed at run-time

is through a component integration architecture. A component integration

architecture is a set of architecture mechanisms which allow software modules

in different process spaces to utilize each others capabilities or functions.

This is generally done by assuming a common component object model on which to

build the architecture. It is worthwhile to differentiate between an object

and a class of objects at this point. An object is a single instance of the

class of objects, which is often just called a class. A class of objects can

be viewed as a blueprint, from which many objects can be formed.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (14):

Frameworks also represent a change in the way programmers think about the

interaction between the code they write and code written by others. In the

early days of procedural programming, the programmer called libraries provided

by the operating system to perform certain tasks, but basically the program

<u>executed</u> down the page from <u>start</u> to finish, and the programmer was solely

responsible for the flow of control. This was appropriate for printing out paychecks, calculating a mathematical table, or solving other problems with a program that executed in just one way.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (47):

The <u>execution</u> architecture is a unified collection of <u>run</u>-time technology services, control structures, and supporting infrastructure upon which application <u>software runs</u>.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (55):

It includes components such as: Job scheduler Software distribution Error
monitor Data backup and restore Help desk Security administration
High-Availability Hardware management Performance monitors
Startup/shutdown
procedures Report management tool Disaster Recovery Network
Monitoring Tools
Cross Platform Management Tools

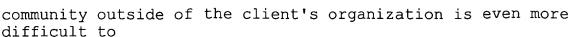
Detailed Description Text - DETX (85):

An application style defines a unique class of processing type, which is
used by applications, and thus end-users. Delivery Vehicle Reference set of Application Styles include batch, on-line transaction processing, collaboration, data warehouse, knowledge management and integration.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (139):

Business Imperatives 802 B1. The application will be used only by an internal user community. Software distribution is a concern for traditional client server computing environments due to the fact that executable and data files need to reside on the client hard drive.

Distribution to a user



implement and manage and will probably be limited to a few key business

partners. B2. The application requires an advanced, dynamic, and integrated

user interface for expert users. State of the art 4GL and 3GL development

languages will support advanced user interfaces which require a significant

degree of context management between fields and windows. Web-based user

interfaces do not support such interfaces well yet. B3. Session performance

is critical to the application or sub-second response times are required for

successful use. Client server applications can provide response times

necessary to support transaction intensive mission critical systems.

Application logic and business data can be distributed between the client and

server for optimal efficiency. Web-based interfaces still have an inherent

overhead due to the connectionless communication and constant downloading of

data, formatting information and applet code. B4. The application needs to

support off-line mobile users. Mobile computing is becoming more prevalent in

the work place, therefore, connectivity to a server can not be assumed for all

user classes. A client server architecture allows for the distribution of

application logic and/or data between the server and client. Replication of

data and logic is usually necessary for applications that are run on portable computers.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (297):

Plug-in--a term coined by Netscape, a plug-in is a software program that is

specifically written to be $\underline{\textbf{executed}}$ within a browser for the purpose of

providing additional functionality that is not natively

supported by the

browser, such as viewing and playing unique data or media types. Typically, to

use a plug-in, a user is required to download and install the Plug-in on

his/her client machine. Once the Plug-in is installed it is integrated into

the Web browser. The next time a browser opens a Web page that requires that

Plug-in to view a specific data format, the browser initiates the execution of

the Plug-in. Until recently Plug-ins were only accessible from the Netscape

browser. Now, other browsers such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer are

beginning to support Plug-in technology as well. Also, Plug-ins written for

one browser will generally need to be modified to work with other browsers.

Plug-ins are also operating system dependent. Therefore, separate versions of

a Plug-in may be required to support Windows, Macintosh, and Unix platforms.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (298):

Helper Application/Viewer--is a software program that is launched from a

browser for the purpose of providing additional functionality to the browser.

The key differences between a helper application or sometimes called a viewer

and a plug-in are: How the program is integrated with the Web browser--unlike a

plug-in, a helper application is not integrated with the Web Browser, although

it is launched from a Web browser. A helper application generally runs in its

own window, contrary to a plug-in which is generally integrated into a Web

page. How the program is installed—like a plug—in, the user installs the

helper application. However, because the helper application is not integrated

with the browser, the user tends to do more work during installation specifying

additional information needed by the browser to launch the

helper application.

How the program is initiated—the user tends to initiate the launching of the

helper application, unlike a plug-in where the browser does the initiation.

From where the **program is executed**—the same helper application can be **executed**

from a variety of browsers without any updates to the program, unlike a plug-in

which generally needs to be updated for specific browsers. However, helper

applications are still operating system dependent.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (299):

Java applet--a program written in Java that runs within or is launched from

the client's browser. This $\underline{\text{program}}$ is loaded into the client device's memory

at <u>runtime</u> and then unloaded when the application shuts down. A Java applet

can be as simple as a cool animated object on an HTML page, or can be as

complex as a complete windows application running within the browser.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (300):

ActiveX control--is also a $\underline{\text{program}}$ that can be $\underline{\text{run}}$ within a browser, from an

application independent of a browser, or on its own.

ActiveX controls are

developed using Microsoft standards that define how re-usable software

components should be built. Within the context of a browser, ActiveX controls

add functionality to Web pages. These controls can be written to add new

features like dynamic charts, animation or audio.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (343):

Direct Manipulation Services enable applications to provide a direct

manipulation interface (often called "drag & drop"). A direct manipulation

interface allows users to manage multiple "application

objects" by manipulating

visual representations of those objects. For example, a user may sell stock by

dragging "stock" icons out of a "portfolio" icon and onto a
"trading floor"

icon. Direct Manipulation Services can be further divided as follows: Display:

These services enable applications to represent application objects as icons

and control the display characteristics (color, location, etc.) of these icons.

Input/Validation: These services enable applications to invoke validation or

processing logic when an end user "acts on" an application object. "Acting on"

an object may include single clicking, double clicking, dragging, or sizing.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (409):

Storage Services manage data physical storage. These services provide a

mechanism for saving information so that data will live beyond **program**

<u>execution</u>. Data is often stored in relational format (an RDBMS) but may also

be stored in an object-oriented format (OODBMS) or other formats such as IMS, VSAM, etc.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (594):

When trying to decide whether to use MOM technology, keep the following

characteristics of this type of middleware in mind: MOMs are high speed,

generally connectionless and are usually deployed for executing applications

with a nonblocking sender MOM solutions are especially useful for

inter-application communication and are increasingly popular for

inter-enterprise work MOMs support end-to-end business applications and process

inter-operability MOMs are designed for heavily <u>used</u> production applications

and are generally capable of high throughput rates and fast

transfer times.
Data is usually forwarded immediately, although it is possible to store it for later processing

Detailed Description Text - DETX (600): Streaming is an emerging technology. While some multimedia products use proprietary streaming mechanisms, other products incorporate standards. The following are examples of emerging standards for streaming protocols. Data streams are delivered using several protocols that are layered to assemble the necessary functionality. Real-time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) -- RTSP is a draft Internet protocol for establishing and controlling on-demand delivery of real-time data. For example, clients can use RTSP to request specific media from a media server, to issue commands such as play, record and pause, and to control media delivery speed. Since RTSP simply controls media delivery, it is layered on top of other protocols, such as the following. Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) -- Actual delivery of streaming data occurs through real-time protocols such as RTP. RTP provides end-to-end data delivery for applications transmitting real-time data over multicast or unicast network services. RTP conveys encoding, timing, and sequencing information to allow receivers to properly reconstruct the media stream. RTP is independent of the underlying transport service, but it is typically used with UDP. may also be used with Multicast UDP, TCP/IP, or IP Multicast. Real-Time Control Protocol (RTCP) -- RTP is augmented by the Real-Time Control Protocol. RTCP allows nodes to identify stream participants and communicate about the quality of data delivery.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (687):

Design techniques for integration with existing systems can be grouped into

two broad categories: Front end-access--discussed as part of Terminal Emulation

Back end access--tend to be used when existing data stores have information

that is needed in the client/server environment but accessing the information

through existing screens or functions is not feasible. Legacy Integration

messaging services typically include remote data access through gateways. A

database gateway provides an interface between the client/server environment

and the legacy system. The gateway provides an ability to access and

manipulate the data in the legacy system.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (697):

SafePassage is a full-strength, encrypting Web proxy. It is designed to

supplement the security of browsers whose authentication and encryption

capabilities have been weakened to comply with United States export

regulations. For these types of browsers, SafePassage will provide client

authentication certificates and full-strength encryption (128 bit).

Detailed Description Text - DETX (723):

Authentication can occur through various means: Basic Authentication--requires that the Web client supply a user name and password

before servicing a request. Basic Authentication does not encrypt the password

in any way, and thus the password travels in the clear over the network where

it could be detected with a network sniffer program or device. Basic

authentication is not secure enough for banking applications or anywhere where

there may be a financial incentive for someone to steal someone's account

information. Basic authentication is however the easiest mechanism to setup

and administer and requires no special software at the Web client. ID/Password

Encryption--offers a somewhat higher level of security by requiring that the

user name and password be encrypted during transit. The user name and password

are transmitted as a scrambled message as part of each request because there is

no persistent connection open between the Web client and the Web server.

Digital Certificates or Signatures--encrypted digital keys that are issued by a

third party "trusted" organization (i.e. Verisign); used to **verify** user's

authenticity. Hardware tokens--small physical devices that
may generate a

one-time password or that may be inserted into a card reader for authentication

purposes. Virtual tokens--typically a file on a floppy or hard drive used for

authentication (e.g. Lotus Notes ID file). Biometric identification--the

analysis of biological characteristics to verify individuals identify (e.g.,

fingerprints, voice recognition, retinal scans).

Detailed Description Text - DETX (738):

Provides the underlying protocols responsible for transmitting and securing

data communications. Transport Services are responsible for establishing,

maintaining and terminating end-to-end communications between users and

processes. Connection management provides transfer
services that ensure the

delivery of data from sender to receiver, which support the transferring of

messages from a process running on one machine to a process running on another

machine. In addition, connection management provides services that initiate a

connection, gracefully terminate a connection, and handle abrupt termination.

These services take place for application before and after

the data is formatted for transport over the network.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (778):

The following are examples of standards that implement Network Address
Allocation and allow a network node to ask a central resource for the node_s network address (e.g., IP address): DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)
BootP (Bootstrap Protocol)

Detailed Description Text - DETX (781): The following list provides a description of various Quality of Service parameters. connection establishment delay--time between the connection request and a confirm being received by the requester connection establishment failure probability--chance that the connection will not be established within the maximum establishment delay throughput--bits per second (bps) of transmitted data transit delay--time elapsed between when sender transfers packet and recipient receives packet residual error rate--number of lost or corrupted messages compared to total messages in the sampling period transfer failure probability--the fraction of the time when the throughput, transit delay, or residual error were not those agreed upon at the start of the connection connection release delay--time between when one node initiates a release and the other node performs the release connection release failure probability--fraction of release attempts which do not succeed protection--specifies a secure connection priority--indicates traffic priority over the connection resilience--probability that the transport layer

spontaneously terminates

Detailed Description Text - DETX (841):

Transaction Services are typically used in three-tier and multi-tier

architectures. Particularly in Netcentric environments, applications might

need to support getting and providing access to multiple back-end services,

across enterprises, as part of a single transaction or <u>user</u> activity. This can

be especially challenging if the user does not own some or all of the back-end

services and/or data that its application relies on.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (864):

Brief Product Considerations Encina--The Encina DTP (OLTP) was built on top

of OSF's DCE. This is both its greatest asset and curse. DCE offers a very

complete set of functions including security services, RPC's, a directory

service (like a yellow pages for clients to find services) and a standard time

service, and it is truly cross-platform and is endorsed by most vendors. The

problem is that it is a resource hog, and is fairly slow. DCE is also somewhat

immature in that there are not many tools to help you administer or program

applications (although many are on the way). Encina adds primarily a

transactional element and some load balancing services to RPC's. It also

provides an easier interface to work with (although it is still an

administrative nightmare). The good news is that the tools are getting better

all of the time. Also, Encina is very scalable and services can be on any

machine in the network. Finally, Encina's load balancing is quite good, much

better then native DCE or Tuxedo. Tuxedo Functionality Can handle a large

number of concurrent client applications Can handle a large volume of

through-put (ex. 1000+TPS) Scaleable (handle many clients

or a few without

code rewrite) Supports Transactions, including XA transactions Has its own

transaction resource manager Guaranteed message delivery using a stable storage

queue (/Q) Future service delivery using/Q (usually for batch processing) Can

prioritize messages--most important get processed sooner. Supports many

platforms (all UNIX, NT, all common <u>client</u> platforms) Tuxedo supports C, C++,

and Cobol development Can be used for basic c/s messaging Supports

conversational messaging between a <u>client</u> and a specific server Peer-to-peer,

<u>client</u>-to-<u>client</u> messaging is supported Unsolicited messaging is supported for

client processes Asynchronous:service calls can be made by
client and server

processes Synchronous service calls can be made by $\underline{\text{client}}$ and server processes

Synchronous calls that receive no return message are supported Very good

security--must connect to access services Security can be integrated w/Kerberos

Has many different buffer types: view to pass C structs, FML to pass anything,

carrays to pass binary (sound, video), strings to pass strings FML allows

dynamic messages to be sent/received Automatic error logging for Tuxedo

components (ULOG, tagent log) Application code can write to the ULOG with a

Tuxedo API (error logging provided) Automatic process monitor for process that

die or machines that get partitioned Service location independency

(distribution/directory services) Platform

independency-handles data conversion

Built in <u>data</u> compression (if desired) Built in performance measurement feature

for services Built in admin functions to monitor Tuxedo system online (tmadmin)

A server can be called based on <u>data</u> in the message (<u>Data</u> Dependent Routing)

Customizable server <u>start-up</u> and shutdown functions are automatically called.

/Domains allow independent Tuxedo regions to share services Extensions to

execute IMS and CICS transactions from UNIX (Open Transport) Subscribe and

Broadcast supported APIs to get admin and system monitoring data for custom

operation tools JOLT (java to access Tuxedo servers) Other Reasons to Use

Tuxedo Tuxedo is the market leader OLTP Tuxedo is a proven product used in

mission critical systems govt. and financial) Tuxedo can be used to develop

highly-available systems (24.times.7) Has been implemented with PowerBuilder,

VisualBasic, Motif clients, and unix batch systems. Cons of Using Tuxedo

Tuxedo for basic c/s messaging is overkill. Expensive to purchase Can be

complicated to develop with and administer System performance tuning requires

an experienced Tuxedo administrator Uses IPC resources and therefore should not

be on same machine w/other IPC products Must be understood thoroughly before

design starts. If used incorrectly, can be very costly. Single threaded

servers requires an upfront packaging design. Difficult to debug servers Does

not work well with Pure Software products: Purify, Quantify Servers must be

programmed to support client context data management Difficult to do asynch

messaging in 3rd party Windows 3.x client tools (ex. PowerBuilder)

Detailed Description Text - DETX (882):

Runtime services convert non-compiled computer languages into machine code during the execution of a program.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (886):

VBRUN300.DLL VBRUN300.DLL --runtime Dynamic Link Library that supports

programs written in Visual Basic.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (888):

Typically, a Virtual Machine is implemented in <u>software</u> on top of an operating system, and is used to <u>run</u> applications. The Virtual Machine provides a layer of abstraction between the applications and the underlying operating system and is often used to support operating system independence.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (891):

Virtual machines such as the Java virtual machine or the Smalltalk virtual machine implement their own versions of operating system services in order to provide the application with complete platform independence. Java virtual machine—software implementation of a "CPU" designed to run compiled Java byte

code. This includes stand-alone Java applications as well as "applets" that

are downloaded and run in Web browsers. Smalltalk virtual machine--runtime

engine that interprets application code during execution and supports platform independence.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (900):

All MS Windows based application maintain their own profile file

(XXXXXXXX.INI) that is used during application startup, execution, and

shutdown. This is a flat text file that contains information that can be used

by the application during various phases of execution. For example, if an

application needs to connect to a <u>database</u> engine/server, it needs to know,

during startup, various information like--database name, the server name, login

ID, etc. Instead of hard coding all these $\underline{\text{information}}$ in the application

executable, this <u>information</u> can be stored in the profile file for flexibility.

In the future, if the database server name should change, this change only needs to be entered in the applications profile file.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (903):

Environment Verification Services ensure functionality by monitoring,

identifying and validating environment integrity prior and during **program**

execution. (e.g., free disk space, monitor resolution, correct version).

These services are invoked when an application begins processing or when a

component is called. Applications can use these services to verify that the

correct versions of required Execution Architecture components and other

application components are available.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (906):

ActiveX framework provides services for automatic installation and upgrade

of ActiveX controls. When using IE, i.e., Microsoft's Web browser, because of

its integration with $\underline{\text{Windows OS}}$, ActiveX controls can be automatically

<u>installed</u> and automatically upgraded on the users machine without the developer adding any additional code.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (908):

Task & Memory Management Services allow applications and/or other events to

control individual computer tasks or processes, and manage memory. They

provide services for scheduling, $\underline{\text{starting,}}$ stopping, and restarting both $\underline{\text{client}}$

and server tasks (e.g., software agents).

Detailed Description Text - DETX (979):

Web Server Services enable organizations to manage and publish information and deploy Netcentric applications over the Internet and

intranet environments.

These services support the following: Managing documents in most formats such

as HTML, Microsoft Word, etc. Handling of client requests for HTML pages. A

Web browser initiates an HTTP request to the Web server either specifying the

HTML document to send back to the browser or the server program (e.g., CGI,

ASP) to **execute**. If the server **program** is specified, the Web server **executes**

the program which generally returns a formatted HTML page to the Web Server.

The Web server then passes this HTML page just as it would any standard HTML

document back to the Web browser. Processing scripts such as Common Gateway

Interface (CGI), Active Server Pages (ASP). Server side scripting enables

programs or commands to be executed on the server machine
providing access to

resources stored both inside and outside of the Web server environment. For

example, server side scripts can be used to process requests for additional

information, such as data from an RDBMS. Caching Web pages. The first time a

user requests a Web page, the Web server retrieves that page from the network

and stores it temporarily in a cache (memory on the Webserver). When another

page or the same page is requested, the Web server first checks to see if the

page is available in the cache. If the page is available, then the Web server

retrieves it from the cache, otherwise it retrieves it from the network.

Clearly, the Web server can retrieve the page from the cache more quickly than

retrieving the page again from its location out on the network. The Web server

typically provides an option to verify whether the page has been updated since

the time it was placed in the cache, and if it has to get the latest update.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1126):

If the business logic is stored and **executed** on the client, **software**

distribution options must be considered. Usually the most expensive option is

to have a system administrator or the user physically install new applications

and update existing applications on each client machine. Another option is to

use a tool that performs automatic software distribution functions. However,

this option usually requires the software distribution tool to be loaded first

on each client machine. Another option is to package the application into

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (1234):

Physical components play a critical role in net-centric computing because

they can be distributed, as encapsulated units of executable software,

throughout a heterogeneous environment such as the Internet. They have the ability to make the Web more than a toy for retrieving and downloading information. Robert Orfali, Dan Harkey, and Jeri Edwards, well-known experts in the field of component- and object-based development, wrote the following about distributed objects (same as "distributed components" for the purpose of this discussion):

As with client/server, architecture work must start
early. As noted above,
this is particularly challenging because of the level of application reuse in a
well-designed application framework and domain component model. Because of
this reuse, the framework must be heavily driven by application requirements,
or scenarios. Yet, the architecture team must stay one step ahead of application development teams to ensure that the

architecture and component model are ready in time to be reused. Thus, a difficult tension exists between scenarios and frameworks.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1333):

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There is still not enough experience with component technology to support rigorous, detailed metrics. One reasonable checkpoint for estimating an initial project is to use traditional techniques, and then add time to adjust for contingency and start-up costs such as training, learning curve, and architecture development. Early client engagements have demonstrated that an initial project may almost always be more expensive due to these start-up costs.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1456):

Architecture roles must be defined to support this greater degree of

specialization. One engagement used the following partitioning strategy:

Functional architect-responsible for resolving decisions for what the system

should do. This person is ideally a user with a solid understanding of

systems, or a systems person with a good understanding of, and relationship

with, the users. Technology architect-responsible for delivering the platform,

systems <u>software</u>, and middleware infrastructure to support <u>execution</u>,

development, and operations architectures. User interface architect-responsible for setting direction of the user interface metaphor,

layout standards, and integrated performance support (IPS). Application

frameworks architect-responsible for designing, delivering, and supporting the

application framework that provides the overall structure, or template, of the

application. Object model architect-responsible for identifying and resolving

modeling issues necessary to achieve a high degree of business reuse and modeling consistency.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1537):

The need to **start** architecture implementation early is well-understood for

traditional or component-based $\underline{\textbf{client}}/\text{server}$ development. What is different

with component-based development, however, is the need for the component model

to lead the application and user interface development.

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (1749): To maximize reuse requires the assembly and configuration of run-time components in addition to being able to construct new components as part of the software construction process. A new breed of tools supporting black box reuse referred to as "Component managers" should be considered one of the primary tools provided with the environment to 1) support transformations between tools where this may continued to be a requirement, 2) enable component views of reuse allowing configuration from both run-time and development components and 3) give component developers security features preventing users from modifying and/or reusing certain components if they desire. requires the ability to categorize components and search components according to property descriptions in a way that can be ascertained without the viewing of source code.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1756):

ODM has many predefined deliverable templates that are targeted towards this suite of tools including Word, Excel and Visio templates. Often times management under-estimates the start up cost of integrating the tools in such a way as to improve the flow of information between phases and for ensuring that information is published to the team in a way that is

accessible and plentiful.

However project experience teaches that this investment can yield many returns down the road if the development architecture includes processes and infrastructure to support this flow of information.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1800): The latter approach provides a leverage point for performance tuning the initialization of the window. The processing may be tuned to use a more efficient algorithm; the results of the initialization may be cached during application packaging and read during initialization; or, efficient initialization methods may be generated and maintained automatically from the information by a code generator once it becomes clear what the most efficient implementation is. In any case, the flexibility provided by this leverage point allows many more possibilities to be considered during performance tuning. Note that all three optimizations could be achieved without manually visiting a single of perhaps hundreds of windows which share the initialization processing.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1824):

In general, batch still has the following fundamental characteristics:
Scheduling--Services are required to manage the flow of processing within and between batch jobs, the interdependencies of applications and resources as well as to provide integration with checkpointing facilities. Restart/Recovery--Batch jobs must be designed with restartability in mind.
This implies the need for a batch restart/recovery architecture used to automatically recover and re-start batch programs if they should fail during execution. Controls--Run-to-run and integrity controls are

still required to ensure that all data is processed completely. Reporting--Services are required to handle configurable report creation, distribution, printing and archiving.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1851):

where "abstractType" is the type of the common abstract interface, and key

is a piece of information which identifies the appropriate concrete type.

(This could be the same piece of information used in the switch/case statement;

there could be a variety of ways to get it). When this method is invoked, the

Abstraction Factory consults its internal mapping and creates an "empty" object

of the proper concrete class. The factory then casts the concrete object into

the abstraction and returns it to the method's client.

This client (a

framework most likely) will then instruct the abstraction to initialize itself

from the incoming data stream.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1862):

Most business systems today include some sort of batch processing. Batch $\,$

processing is the **execution** of a series of **instructions** that do not require any

interaction with a user to complete. Batch jobs are usually stored up during

the day and executed during evening hours when the system load is typically lower.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (1868):

Therefore, represent each type of batch job in the system as its own class.

An abstract class (BatchJob) will exist from which all specific types of batch

jobs will derive from. The abstract BatchJob contains $\underline{\text{data}}$ that all batch jobs

require: name, current status (pending, started, finished,

deleted), messages encountered during its run, various times (submission, start, completion), and a priority, for example. It also should provide some default behaviors including running the job and logic to execute before and after the run.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2048):

As an additional option for this aspect, the legacy wrapper component may

also include a pure legacy wrapper component. As even a further option to this

aspect, the legacy wrapper component may include a hybrid legacy wrapper

component. Also, the interfacing may further include: sending a message from

the client to the legacy wrapper component via the component integration

architecture; sending the message via the component adapter to the legacy

integration architecture; forwarding the message to the legacy adapter;

formatting the message to match an application program
interface (API) of the

legacy system; executing calls on the legacy system based on the formatted

message; executing function of the calls and returning results to the legacy

adapter, legacy integration architecture, component adapter, and legacy wrapper

component which reformats the results; and forwarding the reformatted results

to the client via the component integration architecture.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2050):

A legacy system is an existing system that does not conform to the

technology, architecture and standards of the current project. A large ${\tt IBM}$

3090 Mainframe <u>running programs</u> to calculate automobile insurance rates is an

example of a Legacy System. It is large, very important to an insurance

company, and runs on older, proprietary hardware.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2156):

Definitions Starting Key The Starting Key is the initial starting point for

the search. The <u>database</u> will begin searching for <u>data</u> (customers in the

message trace above) at the **Starting** Key. An example starting key could be

"A*". Last Found Key The Last Found Key is used to request subsequent pages of

data from the Server and the database. The "last found key" defines the

starting point for the next data request. The Server will
begin searching for

data at the "last found key" and continue until it has retrieved a full "page"

of information. When all of the data has been retrieved from the Server and

Database, the Last Found Key is left blank. This notifies the Client that all

the data has been sent. Intermediate Page An intermediate "page" is returned

for every request but the last. When a client receives an intermediate page

and a "last found key", the client knows more "pages" of data exist on the

server. In order to obtain an intermediate "page," a "last found key" must be

passed from the client to the server. When the Server has retrieved a full

"page" of data, the new "last found key" is saved. It is then passed back with

the intermediate "page." The new "last found key" defines the starting point

for the next <u>data</u> request. Last Page When the Server has retrieved all of the

data meeting the search criteria, the Server builds the last "page." When the

last page is returned to the client, the "last found key" is left blank. This

notifies the client the search is complete and no more data matching the search

exists on the Server. Note that the last page is usually smaller than the

other pages. Empty Page When no data are selected from the search criteria,

the server builds an empty page signaling to the client no more data exist on the server. Static or Dynamic Page size The page size can be defined statically or dynamically. The message trace diagram in FIG. 99 depicts a static page size. If you'd like a dynamic page size, the client must pass an additional parameter with each request to the Server. The additional parameter

would be the page size.

lastFoundKey="Alice Allen"

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2158): Collaborations 1. The user "clicks" the "Get Customers" button on the User Interface. The Client UI makes a getAllCustomers request of the Server and passes a Starting Key as a parameter. Since the user wants to view all of the customers, a Starting Key of spaces is used. Message sent=getAllCustomers(" ") The Server receives the request from the Client. The Server realizes the Starting Key is blank and knows this is a new request. Thus, the Server requests first four customers (the page size) from the database. 3. The database returns the first four customers (Albert Abraham, Ned Abraham, Sally Abraham and Alice Allen) and a "Last Found Key" ("Alice Allen") to the Server. The "Last Found Key" denotes the last entry found during It will the search. be used for subsequent searches. 4. The Server builds a page with the four customers retrieved from the database. The Server returns the page and the Last Found Key to the Client. Page Type=Intermediate Page="Albert Abraham", "Ned Abraham", "Sally Abraham" & "Alice Allen"

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2697):

Therefore, detach the state of the business object into a separate state

class that can be agreed upon and completed prior to the **start** of significant

development by either the <u>data</u> access team or the business object team. This

class should be nothing more than the raw data (preferably basic data types)

used to represent the state of the object. The business object contains all

business logic and a reference/pointer to an instance of the respective state

class. This allows the development of business logic and data access to

proceed in parallel with the state class serving as a contract between the two teams.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (2737):

While a transaction is in process, the state of the business model may not

be consistent, so it is necessary to manage the entire transaction from its

point of origin to its point of completion. Whether the transaction is

successful or not, the point of completion will always result in a steady,

consistent state for the business model. For successful transactions, data

changes will be committed and the business model will reflect all new business

data associated with the transaction. For failed transactions, data changes

will be rolled back and the business model will appear as it did prior to the

start of the transaction.

Detailed Description Paragraph Table - DETL (20):

... DATA DIVISION. FD FILE-STREAM-IN RECORD CONTAINS 100 CHARACTERS ...

WORKING-STORAGE SECTION. 01 WS-FILE-STREAM-IN PIC X(100). 01

WS-SHARED-FORMAT-HEARDER O3 WS-HEADER-OBJECT-TYPE PIC X(10). 03

WS-HEADER-NUM-OF-ATTRIBUTES PIC X(7). 03

WS-HEADER-VERSION-OF-FORMAT PIC 999.

O1 WS-SHARED-FORMAT-ATTRIBUTE O3 WS-ATTRIBUTE-NAME PIC

- X(5). 03 WS-ATTRIBUTE-TYPE PIC X(5). 03 WS-ATTRIBUTE-SIZE PIC 999. O1 TEMP-VARIABLES 03 WS-INDEX PIC 9999. ... 01 WS-CUSTOMER 03 WS-NAME PIC
- X(10). 03 WS-SEX PIC
- X(7). 03 WS-AGE PIC 999. ... 88 LT-HEADER-SIZE PIX 99 VALUE 20. 88
- LT-ATTRIBUTE-DESCRIPTOR-SIZE PIX X(1) VALUE 14. 88 LT-DELIMINATOR PIX X(1)
- VALUE ".vertline.". 88 LT-STRING PIX X(1) VALUE "STG ". 88 LT-NUMBER PIX X(1)
- VALUE "NUM ". ... PROCEDURE DIVISION. ... *** OPEN THE FILE STREAM AND READ
- IT INTO THE TEMPORARY *** *** VARIABLE WS-FILE-STREAM-IN *** OPEN
- FILE-STREAM-IN. READ FILE-STREAM-IN INTO WS-FILE-STREAM-IN AT-END CLOSE
- FILE-STREAM-IN END-READ. *** MOVE THE HEADER INFORMATION INTO THE HEADER
- COPYBOOK**** MOVE (WS-FILE-STREAM-IN FROM ZERO TO LT-HEADER-SIZE) TO
- WS-SHARED-FORMAT-HEADER. *** FIND WHAT BYTE THE DATA STARTS AT AND SET THE
- INDEX **** MOVE (LT-ATTRIBUTE-DESCRIPTOR-SIZE * WS-HEADER-NUM- OF-ATTRIBTES)
- TO WS-INDEX. *** PARSE THE APPROPRIATE OBJECT STRUCTURE OFF OF *** *** THE
- STREAM *** IF WS-HEADER-OBJECT-TYPE EQUALS "CUSTOMER" THEN PERFORM
- 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM THRU
- 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM-END. ELSE IF
- WS-HEADER-OBJECT-TYPE EQUALS "EMPLOYEE " THEN ... ELSE IF ... ELSE *** END
- THE PROGRAM RUN-STOP. END-IF.
- 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM. *** READ WHICH
- VARIABLE IT IS AND POPULATE THE CORRECT *** *** VARIABLES *** IF
- (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM WS-INDEX TO (WS-INDEX +5)) = "NAME" THEN MOVE WS-INDEX
- TO START-INDEX. *** FIND THE DELIMINATOR AFTER THE NAME STRING AND *** ***
- MOVE THE NAME VALUE INTO THE SEX VARIABLE **** PERFORM VARYING WS-INDEX FROM
- START-INDEX BY 1 UNTIL (WS-FILE-STREAM-IN AT INDEX) = LT-DELIMINATOR
- END-PERFORM. MOVE (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM START-INDEX TO WS-INDEX) TO WS-SEX.

PERFORM 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM THRU 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM-END. ELSE IF (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM WS-INDEX TO (WS-INDEX + 5)) = "SEX THEN *** FIND THE DELIMINATOR AFTER THE SEX STRING AND MOVE *** *** THE SEX VALUE INTO THE SEX VARIABLE *** MOVE WS-INDEX TO START-INDEX. PERFORM VARYING WS-INDEX FROM START-INDEX BY 1 UNTIL (WS-FILE-STREAM-IN AT WS-INDEX) = LT-DELIMINATOR END-PERFORM MOVE (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM START-INDEX TO WS-INDEX) TO WS-SEX PERFORM 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM THRU 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM-END. ELSE IF (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM WS-INDEX TO (WS-INDEX +5)) = "AGE" THEN *** FIND THE DELIMINATOR AFTER THE AGE STRING AND *** *** MOVE THE AGE VALUE INTO THE AGE VARIABLE **** MOVE INDEX TO START-INDEX. PERFORM VARYING WS-INDEX FROM START-INDEX BY 1 UNTIL (WS-FILE-STREAM-IN AT WS-INDEX) = LT- DELIMINATOR END-PERFORM MOVE (WS-FILE-STREAM FROM START-INDEX TO WS-INDEX) TO WS-AGE PERFORM 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM THRU 1000-PARSE-CUTOMER-STREAM-END. ELSE PERFORM 2000-SAVE-CUSTOMER THRU 2000-SAVE-CUSTOMER-END. END-IF. 1000-PARSE-CUSTOMER-STREAM-EXIT. 2000-SAVE-CUSTOMER. *** CALL A SOL MODULE TO SAVE THIS INFORMATION IN THE *** RELATIONAL DATABASE CALL "SAVE-CUSTOMER-IN-DATABASE" USING WS- CUSTOMER ... 2000-SAVE-CUSTOMER-END. Conversely, a stream could be created by a non-object system or another object system, populated with customer information, and sent to one's object-based system. Once in the object-based system, the CustomerObject could use a "streamOff: aSteam" method, instanciate a CustomerObject, and populate it with

Claims Text - CLTX (1):

the appropriate attribute values.

A method for distributing incoming requests from a

client amongst server components for optimizing usage of resources, comprising the steps of: (a) receiving incoming requests from a user interface, wherein the user interface resides on a client and the requests are received by an activity module, and wherein the activity module instructs the client to handle a first subset of the requests on the client and the activity module forwards a second subset of the requests to a utilization-based load balancer, such that the activity module resides between the user interface and a plurality of server components; (b) storing the second subset of the requests on the load balancer upon receipt thereof from the activity module; (c) determining an availability of server components from among the plurality of server components; (d) compiling a listing of available server components; (e) determining which server component on the listing of available server components is most appropriate to receive each of the second subset of the requests, wherein the load balancer calculates an amount of utilization that each available server component is currently experiencing wherein the amount of utilization of each available server components is calculated based on at least two of: current CPU utilization, kernel scheduling run-queue length, current network traffic at a node to the server component, and a number of requests currently being serviced; and (f) sending each of the second subset of the requests to the selected server component determined to be most appropriate to receive each

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5. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for

distributing incoming requests from a client amongst server components for optimizing usage of resources, comprising the steps of: (a) a code segment that receives incoming requests from a user interface, wherein the user interface resides on a client and the requests are received by an activity module, and wherein the activity module instructs the client to handle a first subset of the requests on the client and the activity module forwards. a second subset of the requests to a utilization-based load balancer, such that the activity module resides between the user interface and a plurality of server components; (b) a code segment that stores the second subset of the requests on the load balancer upon receipt thereof from the activity module; (c) a code segment that determines an availability of server components from among the plurality of server components; (d) a code segment that compiles a listing of available server components; (e) a code segment that determines which server component on the listing of available server components is most appropriate to receive each of the second subset of the requests, wherein the load balancer calculates an amount of utilization that each available server component is currently experiencing wherein the amount of utilization of each available server components is calculated based on at least two of: current CPU utilization,

kernel scheduling run-queue length, current network traffic
at a node to the

server component, and a number of requests currently being serviced; and (f) a

code segment that sends each of the second subset of the requests to the

selected server component determined to be most appropriate to receive each of

the second subset of the requests.

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second subset of the

requests.

 A system for distributing incoming requests from a client amongst server components for optimizing usage of resources, comprising the steps of: (a) logic that receives incoming requests from a user interface, wherein the user interface resides on a client and the requests are received by an activity module, and wherein the activity module instructs the client to handle a first subset of the requests on the client and the activity module forwards a second subset of the requests to a utilization-based load balancer, such that the activity module resides between the user interface and a plurality of server components; (b) logic that stores the second subset of the requests on the load balancer upon receipt thereof from the activity module; (c) logic that determines an availability of server components from among the plurality of server components; (d) logic that compiles a listing of available server components; (e) logic that determines which server component on the listing of available server components is most appropriate to receive each of the second subset of the requests, wherein the load balancer calculates an amount of utilization that each available server component is currently experiencing wherein the amount of utilization of each available server components is calculated based on at least two of: current CPU utilization, kernel scheduling run-queue length, current network traffic at a node to the server component, and a number of requests currently being serviced; and (f) logic that sends each of the second subset of the requests to the selected server component

determined to be most appropriate to receive each of the